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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Portals II, Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

**EX PARTE NOTICE**

*Re: High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337;  
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 19, 2007, Barry Counts, Jeff Lindsey, and Brian Staihr on behalf of Embarq, held a telephone conference with Larry S. Landis, Commissioner of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, and Commissioner of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. The discussion was fully consistent with Embarq's prior filings in this docket and focused on how universal service support can and should be better targeted to truly high-cost areas and tied to the carrier-of-last-resort obligation.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, one copy of this electronic notice is being filed in the above-referenced docket. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S Lanning  
Director – Federal Regulatory

cc: Larry Landis